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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

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Council Offices,
Hartley Wintney,
Hants.

HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT

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Miss. E. H. Spencer.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area: 50,261 acres.

Population 25,220 (Registrar-General mid-year 1955 estimate)
(Census 1951 - 22,689)

Number of inhabited houses: Domestic premises 5,807.

Sum represented by pennyrate: £1085. 1st April, 1956.

Rateable Value: £257,221. (1st April, 1956).

General Rate 14s. 2d.

Birth Rate. 15.34 (crude): 17.94 (standardised)

Death Rate. 10.74 (crude): 10.525 (standardised)

Infantile death rate under 1 year, per 1,000 births: 20.6.

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis: 1.

Tuberculosis death rate: (per thousand deaths)	Pulmonary	3.6
	Non-Pulmonary	0.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT

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To the Chairman and Members of the Hartley Wintney Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1955, prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular.

The general health of the District was satisfactory.

The population increased by 310 to 25,220.

As regards infectious diseases, Whooping Cough notifications were low at 29; Measles were fairly high at 380; Scarlet fever cases were higher than usual at 32, and Sonne dysentery cases were 36. These Sonne dysentery cases arose chiefly in the two schools at Eversley and Yateley. Sonne dysentery is very wide-spread in the country at present and though not usually serious, is a troublesome condition to deal with in the schools. The greatest danger from it is in infants. Poliomyelitis cases numbered 8; there were no deaths from Poliomyelitis; four of the eight cases were of the paralytic type.

As regards Diphtheria, one case was reported as having had a positive throat swab but this rapidly cleared. The infection was conveyed from a soldier on leave from Germany, who had been suffering from a sore throat. All the rest of the family contacts had throat swabs taken but no other positive case occurred, and the Unit in Germany was notified.

It is well to remind oneself from this case that the price we pay for freedom from these deseases is the usual "eternal vigilance".

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their kindly interest and encouragement in the work of the department and to the Staff for their unfailing help and assistance throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Walmsley.

Medical Officer of Health.

Vital Statistics

Live Births = 387.	Male	Female
Total	196	191
Legitimate	186	179
Illegitimate	10	12
Birth Rate (per 1000 population)	15.34 (crude)	17.94 (standardised)

Still Births	Male	Female
Total 3	1	2
Legitimate	-	2
Illegitimate	1	-
Rate (per 1000 total births)	7.7	
Rate (for England and Wales)	23.1	

Deaths	Male	Female
Total = 271.	124	147
Rate (per 1000 population)	10.74 (crude)	10.525 (standardised)
Rate (for England and Wales)		11.7

Deaths from puerperal causes — Nil
Deaths from Maternal causes — Nil
Rate for England and Wales (per 1000 total, live and still births) — .64
Estimated Mid 1955 female population ages 15-44 = 9,168,000
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Total	Male	Female
Total	6	2
Legitimate	6	2
Illegitimate	-	-

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year (per 1000 live births) 20.6

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year (per 1000 legitimate births) 21.9

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year (per 1000 illegitimate births) 0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks (neo-natal mortality)	Male	Female
Total	3	2
Legitimate	3	2
Illegitimate	-	-

Rate (per 1000 related live births) 12.9 Rate for England and Wales 17.3.

Deaths from Cancer	47
Deaths from Measles	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0
Deaths from Poliomyelitis	0

Birth Rate of the District

Year	No. of Births	Birth Rate	Birth Rate for England and Wales.
1952	386	19.6	15.3
1953	381	19.7	15.5
1954	371	17.7	15.2
1955	387	17.94	15.0

Death Rate of the District

Year	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	Death Rate for England and Wales.
1952	212	8.3	11.3
1953	275	11.14	11.4
1954	236	9.3	11.3
1955	271	10.52	11.7

Infant Mortality Rates of the District

Year	Births	Deaths	Rate per 1000 live births	Rate per 1000 live births for England and Wales.
1952	386	7	20	27. 6
1953	381	9	23.6	26. 8
1954	378	15	37	25. 5
1955	387	8	20.6	24. 9

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR

	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	1	0
Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	0	0	0
Syphilitic disease	2	1	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Whooping cough	0	0	0
Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	0	1
Cancer - Stomach	8	4	4
Lung	6	6	0
Breast	1	0	1
Uterus	2	0	2
Other malignant diseases	30	15	15
Leukaemia	2	2	0
Diabetes	7	2	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	35	9	26
Coronary disease, angina	35	21	14
Hypertension with heart disease	6	4	2
Other heart disease	51	15	36
Other circulatory disease	15	9	6
Influenza	0	0	0
Pneumonia	21	8	13
Bronchitis	11	6	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	3	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	0
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	0	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	2	0
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
Congenital malformations	3	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	8	7
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
All other accidents	7	3	4
Suicide	1	1	0
Homicide	0	0	0
	271	124	147

NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number notified during the year was 527

Comparative table of infectious diseases notified:

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	12	13	10	16
(Non-Pulmonary)			1	1
Dysentery Bacillary	0	5	1	36
Food Poisoning	0	13	1	7
Scarlet Fever	15	11	17	32
Erysipelas	0	0	1	7
Pneumonia	9	10	9	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	1	1
Whooping Cough	47	27	101	29
Meningococcal Infection	0	0	1	0
Poliomyelitis (corrected)	1	4	2	8
" Paralytic	0	2	0	4
" Non Paralytic	0	2	2	4
Measles	7	542	9	380

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention

No statutory action was taken under this section.

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND DEATHS

	New cases		Deaths	
Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1952	12 (all forms)		3 (all forms)	
1953	11	2	1	1
1954	10	1	2	1
1955	16	1	1	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

HOME HELP SERVICE:
Hartley Wintney is in Division I, which includes Aldershot, Farnborough and Fleet. The Divisional Organiser is Mrs. Meehan at the Town Hall, Farnborough (Farnborough 1400), who has kindly supplied these figures for 1955:

Number of cases on books at 1.1.1955: 29

New cases from 1.1.1955 to 31.12.1955:

Maternity	15	
General sickness	21	
Post Hospital	13	
Child Care	9	
Aged and sick	9	
Aged and infirm	11	
Tuberculosis	1	
Chronic sick	1	
	80	80
Total		109

Infectious Disease:

The nearest hospital for this district is at the Northfield Isolation Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 628).

Ambulance Service

The Headquarters Depot, Laburnum Road, Aldershot serves the Hartley Wintney District. Enquiries should be made to the Head Driver (Aldershot 2244).

Professional Nursing in the home

Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery.

District Served.	Name and address of Nurse.
Crondall with Ewshot, Dogmersfield and part of Church Crookham.	Mrs. B. G. Earley, S.R.N., S.C.M., Brickfield House, Heath Lane, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey (Telephone Crondall 332).
Heckfield with Mattingley, Rotherwick and Bramshill.	Miss D. H. Hardingham, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, H.V. Cert. 1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley, Basingstoke. Telephone Heckfield 54.
Hartley Wintney with Elvetham and Winchfield.	Mrs. L. M. Stevenson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, Becketts Cottage, Hartley Wintney. Telephone Hartley Wintney 134.
Odiham with Long Sutton, North Warnborough, Hook, Newnham, Nateley Scures, Greywell, Up Nateley and Murrell Green.	Miss E. J. Rogers, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, Crownfields Cottage, Odiham, Basingstoke. Telephone Odiham 29.
Yateley with Minley, Hawley, Blackwater and Eversley.	Miss M. Hatton, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse. Miss G. B. Webb, S.R.N., S.C.M., Queen's Nurse, 5 Moulsham Copse Lane, Yateley Camberley, Surrey. Telephone Yateley 2151

Antenatal Relaxation Classes

Odiham, Guide Hut, at 2.30.p.m., every Tuesday.
Hartley Wintney, Edward Hall, at 2.30.p.m., every Thursday.

Hospital Services.

There are 3 hospitals in the area.

1. Odiham Cottage Hospital (Winchester Group) has 8 beds and 1 cot. This includes 1 private ward.

2. Yateley and District Hospital (Farnham Group) has 14 beds and 1 private ward.

3. Winchfield Hospital (Winchester Group). This is a hospital of 166 beds - mostly for chronic sick patients. There is a maternity unit of 4 beds. There is no Part III accommodation at the hospital now.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Laboratory Service for this area is at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hants County Hospital Winchester (Telephone Winchester 3807). The Director is Dr. H. T. Findley. All types of bacteriological examinations are done. Chemical analysis of water is carried out by the Public Analyst at Reading.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Child Welfare Centres

		Day held
Hartley Wintney	- Edward Memorial Hall	1st Tuesday at 2.p.m.
Yateley	- British Legion Hall	2nd and 4th Thursday
Eversley	- Village Hall	1st Tuesday
Odiham	- (1) Dunley's Hut, High St.	2nd and 4th Friday
	- (2) Families' Social Club, R.A.F.Station.	1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

Administered by the Lord Mayor Treloars Hospital, Alton and the Regional Hospital Board.

(1) A Surgeon's clinic is held at The School Clinic, St.George's Road East, Aldershot on the 1st Tuesday in the month.
A remedial clinic is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, all day, at the same place.

(2) A clinic is held at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke.
Examinations at both clinics are by appointment.

Tuberculosis Clinic.

This is a Regional Hospital Board responsibility but the County Council deal with certain aspects, such as contacts, care and after care.

The clinics are held at
Northfield Hospital Redan Road, Aldershot.
Monday 9.30.a.m. old patients by appointment.
2.00.p.m. refill patients.
Tuesday 9.30.a.m. old patients by appointment
11.15.a.m. new patients
1.30.p.m. old patients by appointment.

Basingstoke - Brambly's Grange Health Centre.

Thursday 11.00.a.m. New patients.
2.00.p.m. Refill patients.
Friday 9.45.a.m. Old patients.

Venereal Diseases Clinic

Northfield Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot.

Males - Monday 5 - 7 p.m.
Females- Wednesday 9 - 12 noon.
2 - 4 p.m.

Speech Clinic

The School Speech Clinics are held at Basingstoke and Aldershot, by appointment.

Basingstoke Brambly's Grange Health Centre.

Aldershot The School Clinic, St.George's Road East
Every Tuesday and Friday.

Eye Clinics

These are a Regional Hospital Board responsibility, administered through the County Council.
They are held at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke and the School Clinic, Aldershot, by appointment.

Dental Clinic

(for pre-school and school children and expectant and nursing mothers).

These are held at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke and St.George's Road East School Clinic, Aldershot.

Child Guidance

Clinics are held at :-

(1) Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke.
(2) The School Clinic, Aldershot (Monday and Wednesday) by appointment.

Family Planning Clinics

are held at :-

Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke on 1st and 3rd Friday 2 - 4 p.m.
Manor Park House, Aldershot on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Friday in the month.

The Health Visitors for the area are:	Area Served
At present supervised by Miss Simpson, Miss E.Simpson, S.R.N., S.C.M. Crookham Welfare Centre, Crookham.	Fleet, Eversley and Yateley, Crookham, Dogmersfield and Hartley Wintney.
Miss Button, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Newnham, Hook.	Hook, Odiham, Hartley Wespall, Crondall.
Miss Hardingham S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. 1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley.	Heckfield, Mattingley, Rotherwick.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Prophylaxis

This is normally done by arrangement with the patient's own doctor, or at the Welfare Centres.

The triple antigen (against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus) is now available; Prophylaxis for Diptheria or Whooping Cough alone is also available.

In 1955 308 primary and 76 secondary prophylactic injections against Diphtheria or Diphtheria and Whooping Cough were given to children under 15 years of age. The Child population of 15 years and under is approximately 5,000 and the immunized total in 1955 was 3265 giving an immunized state of 65.3 %.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited, during the year, the Odiham and Hook districts. The results were as follows :-

umber Examined			Abnormalities Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis			Inactive P.T.			Significant Non Tuberculous	
ale	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Odiham										
41	148	289	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1
Hook										
78	91	169	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-

Thus no active P.T. was found in these districts.

Vaccination against Small-Pox.

This is done either by the patient's own doctor or at the Welfare Centres.

For 1955 374 Primary Vaccinations and 132 re-vaccinations were done - a total of 506. The number of babies under 1 year vaccinated was 226.

Venereal Disease.

No cases of Venereal Disease were specially brought to the notice of the Medical Officer during the year.

Disinfection of rooms after certain infectious disease has occurred is carried out on request. The number of disinfections of premises carried out during the year was 10 houses and 1 plane.

The climate of the district is indicated by these figures.

Month	Rainfall	Sunshine hours registered by the Meteriological Officer at the R.A.E. Farnborough Total Sunshine in hours.
January	2.92	28.
February	1.35	68.2
March	.96	152.8
April	.28	174.5
May	3.70	205.9
June	2.20	147.1
July	.53	237.4
August	1.11	176.4
September	1.43	142.9
October	4.36	105.5
November	1.99	35.9
December	2.78	23.1
	23.61	1497.7

Water Supply

The supply for all the Parish Districts, except Hartley Wintney, is from the Mid Wessex Water Company.

The supply is an adequate, chlorinated and satisfactory water. It is obtained from Pumping Stations at Frimley, Itchel, Greywell, Lasham and Beenham's Heath near Wokingham.

The hardness varies from 16.5 to 21 grains per gallon. Softening by the lime process is done normally to reduce the hardness to the statutory limit of 12 grains per gallon. There is a temporary relaxation order in force which permits the Mid Wessex Water Company to exceed the Statutory limit.

Extension and improvement works were carried out at the Company's works in 1955.

The Parish of Hartley Wintney has its own water supply for a population of 3,000. The quality is satisfactory. It is a soft water with a plumbo-solvent action. It is treated by filtration, neutralization and chlorination. The number of premises supplied in the parish is 827 of which 754 were dwelling houses.

The quantity is deficient in the Summer and the deficiency is remedied by an intake from the Mid Wessex Water Company. Tests are taken of the purity of water, weekly or fortnightly. The chlorine dosage is tested every day.

The Parish Water Undertaking was sold to the Mid-Wessex Water Company in the year, who propose to close the works down, when the laying of new mains is completed in 1956.* There are about 230 wells in the district. 13 samples of water were taken during the year of which one was unsatisfactory and was remedied by connection to the Mid Wessex mains supply.

* The new mains are now completed and the Hartley Wintney District Water Undertaking has now closed down (1st October, 1956).

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

Part I of the Act.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number of Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	14	37	Nil	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	102	36	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	116	73	2	-

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found	Remedied	referred to H. M. Inspector	referred by H. M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Sanitary Conveniences: Unsuitable or defective	2	2			

RODENT CONTROL

The Council is represented on the North Hants. Rodent Committee. All premises treated are charged for on the basis of size of infestation and cost of time and material used.

Sewers: The annual test baiting of sewers was carried out and it was again shewn that there was a minor infestation in the cricket Green area of Hartley Wintney. Treatments were carried out during April and October.

Period Contracts: During 1955 the value of contracts amounted to £423. The following statistics were supplied to the Infestation Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food:

Local Authority	Numbers of Properties treated. Dwelling Houses	Business	Agricultural
16	189	65	163

Pest Destruction and Disinfections.

The pond at Hartley Wintney was sprayed with anti-mosquito spray.

The destruction of wasps neats and the treatment of verminous properties was carried out.

Disinfections after certain infectious and notifiable diseases were also done.

Blackbushe Airport.

A "ship" rat was caught on a Viking aircraft which had just arrived from Nigeria.

The plane was disinfected. This is the second occasion that a ship rat has been caught on a plane arriving from an "endemic" port.

Sewerage.

The Surveyor has kindly supplied this information.

The Crookham Sewerage scheme has been completed and is now in operation; and private properties are now being connected.

Crondall. The sewage works is now under construction and should be completed by March 31st, 1957. The laying of the sewers has been completed.

Yateley. The first stage of the sewerage scheme has been completed.

Public Cleansing and Salvage.

The Hartley Wintney A.30 road section is swept once a week in winter and twice a week in summer.

Odiham High Street is swept once a week.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector supervises the administration of refuse and salvage disposal, and attention is carefully given to this work and to the satisfactory control of the tip.

Housing.

The Surveyor has supplied the following information.

Permanent Houses completed in 1955.

Council Houses (including flats)	97
Private Houses	101
Total	198

Houses in construction on 1.1.1956.

Council Houses	10

Post War Houses erected in district.

Council Houses to end of 1955	1439
Private enterprise houses	373
Total	1812

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

Certificates of Disrepair issued = Nil.

Housing Improvement Grants. for period of twelve months ending 31st March, 1956.

Number of Properties 94.
Total grants approved - cumulative figure to 31.3.1956 - £24,815.18.3.

The Housing Lettings Committee and sub-Committee meet monthly to consider Housing applications.

Caravans.

There are 98 licensed caravans in the district.

Milk Supply.

There are two pasteurising plants in the district.
There are 33 retailers of designated milk.

Food.

Food premises in the district.

There are in the district:

Cafes and restaurants	23
Hotels and Public Houses	70
Butchers and Fishmongers	20
General Provision Shops	49
Greengrocers	9
Confectioners	8
Miscellaneous (schools, canteens, hospitals).	38
Total	217

Ice Cream.

Twenty nine premises are registered for the sale of ice cream (all prepacked).

Food condemned, during 1955.

Meat	4 cwt. 13 lbs.
Tinned meat	1 cwt. 42 lbs.
Fish	43¼ lbs.
Tinned Foods	20 lbs.

Shops.

The Sanitary Provisions in Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 are administered by the district as the Local Sanitary authority. The County Council administers the shops Act.

Food Poisoning.

The number of cases of food poisoning notified was 7. One case was identified as due to Salmonella Typhi-Murium contracted out of the district. Three cases were due to ingestion of oysters, purchased in Winchester. Three cases were of unascertained origin. No fatalities occurred.

Slaughter House.

There is one licensed Slaughter House at Odiham. The Health Inspectors inspect all meat before release.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle & Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	96	-	7	83	214	Nil
Number inspected	96	-	7	83	214	
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned			1		2	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	12			1	2	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	12.5%	-	14%	1.2%	1.8%	
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned			1			
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5		1		1	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.2%		28%		.5%	
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil					
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil					
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil					

Knacker's Yard.

There is a licensed Knacker's yard in operation at Hook. The premises are kept under constant surveillance.

Blackbushe Civil Airport.

Dr. Sharkey, the Airport Medical Officer, reports as follows:

"The service has been carried on in the same pattern as last year.

Two routine visits are carried out per week. At these visits if an aircraft arrives from a potentially infective area a snap inspection of medical documents is carried out. In addition the Medical Officer is on call and visits the airport at the demand of the immigration officer in cases of suspected illness whether discovered on landing or signalled before arrival.

There was very little in the way of notifiable diseases during the year. One air hostess and two passengers on different occasions were landed suffering from dysenteric symptoms and with the co-operation of the local public health authorities were sent to hospital for observation. With regard to this the local Medical Officer of Health has proved most co-operative and helpful in a consultative capacity.

The publication of the World Health Organisation regarding epidemiology have been delivered to the airport weekly as well as an extract of recently infected areas. This means that a careful watch is kept for potential entries of infected cases.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of Aliens arriving on Ministry of Labour Permits. All these aliens have to be examined medically before being landed. All were found to be medically fit.

At the request of the charter companies negotiations have been entered into with the Ministry of Health to make Blackbushe an approved port for the disinfecting of aircraft proceeding to or through India and Pakistan.

It is hoped that before long this will be put into effect.

Form Port 18 was returned bi-annually and Form Port 17 at the end of the year.

Form Port 12 was rendered on one occasion at the request of the Immigration Officer.

The following statistics show the increase in traffic over last year.

Form Port 18 Jan - June 1955

Aircraft arriving	1125
Passengers "	26393

Form Port 18 June - December, 1955.

Aircraft arriving	1587
Passengers "	38680

Form Port 17 January - December 31st, 1955.

Number of arriving aircraft carrying aliens	962	
Total number of arriving aliens excluding crews	3865 + 11110	air forces
Total number of aliens examined medically	121	on Ministry of Labour permit.
	1	at request of Immigration Officer.

J. A. SHARKEY, M. B., CH. B.
Port Medical Officer."